

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following section headings at page 1, after the title and at line 6:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention --

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 7, with the following replacement paragraphs and section heading:

-- The invention relates to a method of producing a jointless and porous granular covering, in which rubber-elastic granules and a binder are mixed and applied to a base to form a sheetlike surfacing.

Description of the Related Art

Granular coverings have proved to be suitable per se as resilient surfacings both for popular sport and top-level sport and have found widespread use. They are required to be all-weather-resistant, wear-resistant and, when used as a running surface, spike-resistant. The advantage of porous granular coverings is that they dry out more quickly than impermeable surfacings which are produced by poured layers or laying vulcanized rubber mats. Such water-impermeable surfacings carry the risk that blisters may form as a result of vapour pressure, making it necessary to replace or repair the surfacing. --

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-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please insert the following section heading at page 3, at line 32:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Please insert the following section heading at page 4, at line 14:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION --